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DATE: March 25, 2015

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care and Waiver)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: ICD-10 Testing Terms and Schedule Update

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has mandated the use of ICD-10 diagnosis codes on professional claims and the use of ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes on institutional claims beginning October 1, 2015. The IME will not accept claims with ICD-9 codes for services delivered on or after October 1, 2015, and inpatient discharges occurring October 1, 2015, or after.

The IME would like to clarify the two testing tools that are available to providers, the benefits of each testing tool, and the two testing methods being offered. All testing conducted with the IME is free.

The IME has two testing tools available for Billing Agents/Providers/Clearinghouses:

1. **Direct Claims Submittal** – This tool returns the 277 Claims Acknowledgement, 999 Implementation Acknowledgement and an electronic 835 Remittance Advice. Coding validation and revenue comparisons are not available with this tool. Submitters may begin the external End-to-End (E2E) process by sending ICD-10 test claims batches through their [EDISS Connect](https://connect.edissweb.com/)¹ account. Direct Claims Submittal can only utilize E2E testing methodology. Please refer to [Informational Letter 1472](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1472%20%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission.pdf)² for further testing instructions.
2. **Collaborative Testing Tool (CollabT)** – This tool was created by CMS and includes batch submittal, coding validation reports, built-in clinical test cases by provider taxonomy codes and revenue comparison evaluations. Providers, who would like to utilize this tool, must register with the IME. CollabT can utilize both E2E and Business-to-Business (B2B) testing methodologies.

¹ <https://connect.edissweb.com/>

² <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1472%20%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission.pdf>

Testing Methodologies

1. **E2E Level 3 External Testing** – A batch based process with limited coding and revenue comparisons.
2. **B2B Level 3 External Testing** – A clinical scenario based process with coding validation between ICD-9 and ICD-10, provider taxonomy test programs and revenue comparisons.

Testing Cycles	Claims Testing	
	Start	Finish
Test Cycle 4	Thu 4/2/15	Wed 4/15/15
Test Cycle 5	Fri 4/24/15	Thu 5/7/15
Test Cycle 6	Mon 5/18/15	Fri 5/29/15
Test Cycle 7	Tue 6/9/15	Mon 6/22/15
Test Cycle 8	Wed 7/1/15	Tue 7/14/15
Test Cycle 9	Thu 7/23/15	Wed 8/5/15

To register, please complete the [ICD-10 External Testing Registration Form](#)³ and send the form as an email attachment by clicking the "SUBMIT" button on the form. You may also register for testing by contacting the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 (Option 1 and 7) or by email at: ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us.

³ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ICD-10_ExternalTestingRegistrationForm.pdf